

No. 4 Canadian General Hospital (University of Toronto)

1915-16

Box 40a (09)



M I N U T E S.

The HOSPITAL COMMITTEE met at Dr. C. K. Clarke's office at the Toronto General Hospital on 20th November, 1915.

PRESENT: Dr. Falconer, Dr. Clarke and Mr. MacMurchy. Mrs. Falconer, Mrs. D. K. Smith and Mrs. F. N. G. Starr of the Ladies' Committee were also present.

Dr. Clarke reported that expenditure had been made of \$14,623.88 to date, and there had been transferred to London to the credit of Col. Primrose, Treasurer of the Hospital, \$22,000. leaving a balance on hand of \$6,270.48 (including \$250. subscribed by the ladies for Christmas comforts) after paying draft of \$650. made by Col. Roberts for a motor ambulance. \$2,000. had been raised by the Daughters of the Empire in Cleveland and is now available.

Mrs. Starr reported a balance on hand of \$3,036.91, her accounts having been audited to 7th September.

Dr. Falconer reported that the full amount of \$40,000. had been received by the Bursar of the University from the Fulford Estate.

It was moved by Mr. MacMurchy and seconded by Dr. Clarke that the Ladies' Committee be authorized to continue their work in providing hospital supplies and surgical dressings under advice from Dr. Clarke, and that Dr. Clarke be authorized to present



bills to the Bursar of the University covering the expenditure so incurred and to obtain payment therefor out of the money in the hands of the Bursar received from the Fulford Estate.

Carried.

It was moved by Mr. MacMurchy and seconded by Dr. Clarke that the following cable be sent to Surgeon-General Roberts, No.4 Canadian Base Hospital, Salonika;

"Forward immediately specific statement hospital needs  
"also monthly reports. Information urgently required.  
"Have forwarded nine hundred and seventy-one boxes supplies  
"You may draw two hundred and fifty for Christmas cheer  
"for hospital. Cable reply."

Carried.

The meeting then adjourned at the call of the Chairman, pending a reply from Surgeon-General Roberts.



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In any further  
correspondence on  
this subject please  
quote Number and  
Date of this Com-  
munication.

No. 2D-34-3-38

Toronto, January 11 1916

From A. A. G. 2nd Division,

Exhibition Camp.

To Colonel R. A. Falconer, President Toronto University,

Toronto, Ont.

Appointment to  
#4 Gen'l Hospital, C.E.F.  
Capt. G.G. Hume, C.A.D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honour to inform  
you that a telegram has been re-  
ceived from the Adjutant General,  
Militia Headquarters, Ottawa this  
date to the effect that Captain  
G. G. Hume, C.A.D.C., has been app-  
ointed to #4 General Hospital, C.E.F.

Yours truly,

*G. Hume Capt*  
for,

Colonel,

A.A.G. 2nd Division.



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January 12th, 1916

The A.G.,

Second Division, Exhibition Camp,

Toronto.

Sir:

I have to thank you for your communication forwarding the decision of the Adjutant-General at Ottawa to the effect that Captain G. G. Hume, C.A.D.C., has been appointed to No. 4 General Hospital, Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Extract from letter of Dr. Primrose, dated Jan. 17, 1916.

"In many respects our hospital is much better equipped than others we have seen. Our surgical armamentarium is much more extensive and complete and has excited not a little envy on the part of some of my surgical friends who have visited from other hospitals. Similarly our laboratory is much better supplied with apparatus than our neighbors. An example of this was in evidence yesterday when No. 28 British General Hospital sent over to ask if Capt. Mackenzie could possibly lend him a microscope and a haemocytometer. We have quite a number of these and they are all in constant use in our work and yet we know of large British hospitals here with only one microscope. In other respects the laboratory is obviously infinitely more complete than any other in the British lines in Greece. So marked and so obvious was its superiority that the Headquarters' Officials requested our unit to form a central laboratory here and our staff with their equipment will now be required to do work for the forces in general which cannot be undertaken in any other unit. This is extremely gratifying to us and to Messrs. Mackenzie, Graham and Inrie who compose our laboratory staff. In other departments too we have been able to bring material and apparatus which gives us a great advantage over those who have been satisfied with the government issue only. For example in the dispensary we have a large amount of supplies not included in the regulation requirements - these are a great comfort and essential to our efficiency. The fund which was raised in Toronto for these purposes has thus proved a perfect godsend and it is difficult to see how we could have done our work without it. We have the men to do expert work but they would have been



handicapped indeed and helpless to accomplish results if we had not been able to supplement the government equipment. The expenditure has been large but I am satisfied the results will fully justify the cost."

Extract from letter of Rt. Rev. Sgr. Cavendish, C.F. Jan. 19th, '16

"I have the honour to bring to your notice the following facts, which I am sure will give great satisfaction to you and all concerned in Canada and especially at Toronto.

I had the fortune of being attached temporarily for duty as Chaplain with No. 4 Canadian General Hospital about six miles from Salonica. My stay there was of short duration but it was more than sufficient for me to form a true idea and to appreciate most highly the way in which the Medical Officers, the Nurses, and the orderlies carried out their various duties.

I have had 18 years experience in Military Hospitals as Chaplain of the Forces and I can say without hesitation that I have never seen Hospital work performed with more order, efficiency and regularity than I saw it being done out here. One of my duties at the hospital was to censor letters and as the number of patients was considerably over 1000 the numbers of the letters was large and in all the letters the patients sang their praises in honour of the medical officers, of the nurses, and the hospital in general. I could cite hundreds of such praises but the following will be quite ample to show how deeply impresses the patients were by the excellent treatment received at No.4 Canadian Hospital. "My dear Mother,

It is a real blessing to be in this Hospital. I assure you I will be sorry to leave it. You have no idea how well and how gently we are dealt with here."



"My ----

Had I been at home with you all I should not have had such splendid treatment as I am having here at the No. 4 Canadian Hospital. These doctors are very much superior to the ordinary ones, and yet they are most kind and friendly with us all. The nurses are also very good and devoted to us".

"My dear Mother,

I was admitted to this Hospital last month. I really believed then my hour had come. But thanks be to God for sending me to this Hospital where I have had the greatest attention and care. I am getting fine now. O Mother they are fine people these Canadians. God bless them all !".

Personally I was also very much impressed with the unity that exists among the Officers, a thing which is bound to have splendid results. I was sorry when I received orders to leave, but I shall always look back with pleasure to the happy days I spent with Colonel Roberts and all the able Officers of No. 4 Canadian General Hospital."



*Boyd*

University of Toronto.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

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March 1st, 1916

It has been duly moved and seconded that  
1200 boxes of Surgical Supplies be given by  
the University Hospital Supply Association  
to the Canadian Red Cross Society in order that  
they may at once, by cable, have a like number  
of boxes of similar supplies placed at the immediate  
disposal, in the first place of the Société des  
Secours aux blessés Militaires, and afterwards of  
other needy French hospitals.



University of Toronto.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Governors ~~are of~~ to <sup>disburse</sup> ~~deal with~~ the funds subscribed for the University Base Hospital are of opinion that ~~the work of~~ though the ladies committee must according to the basis of their organization regard the needs & demands of the University Base Hospital as always the primary object of their work, they may ~~at~~ when ~~these are not~~ these demands are not urgent devote their surplus to the work of the Red Cross & use for that purpose some of the money that the ladies received, inasmuch as their contributors were at the time informed that any amounts over & above those required by the University Base Hospital would be spent for other hospitals under the Red Cross. The committee also recommends that the amount spent by the ladies for surgical supplies namely \$11,396, should be paid out of the \$40,000 for the Dufferin estate, which is now in the University's hands <sup>requests</sup> ~~that~~ the Bureau be ~~requested~~ to place this amount at the credit of the Ladies Com, Mrs. J. H. Stone being treasurer.



The Committee appointed by the Board of Governors to dispense the funds subscribed for the University Base Hospital are of opinion that though the ladies' committee must according to the basis of their organisation regard the needs and demands of the University Base Hospital as always the primary object of their work, they may when these demands are not urgent devote their energies to the work of the Red Cross and use for that purpose some of the money that the ladies received, inasmuch as their contributors were at the time informed that any amounts over and above those required by the University Hospital would be spent for other hospitals under the Red Cross. The Committee also recommends that the amount spent by the ladies for surgical supplies, namely \$11,390, should be paid out of the \$40,000 from the Fulford estate, which is now in the Bursar's hands, and requests the Bursar to place this amount at the disposal of the ladies' committee, Mes. H. M. C. Starr being Treasurer.



TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL

SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE

To Miss Patterson

Dean Clarke wishes me to say that the enclosed is quite all right. He would suggest swapping "Brief reports."

E. V. Williamson  
Secretary

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## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

A public meeting will be held in Convocation Hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28th, 1916, which will be the first anniversary of the establishment of No. 4. Canadian General Hospital (University of Toronto) now at Salomica, Canada.

A series of views will be exhibited setting forth the hospital's history and work.

*Chief* Reports will be submitted with reference to the work of the Hospital Supply Association and the disposal of the sums contributed for the equipment and maintenance of the Hospital.

Friends interested in the work of the Hospital are cordially invited to be present.

*No. 4. Canadian  
General Hospital*



No. 4 GENERAL HOSPITAL

Programme of Pictures, March 28th, 1916.

Box I.

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|---|---|----------------------|
| 1. General Fund   | } | FINANCIAL STATEMENTS |
| 2. Women's Committee                                      |   |                      |
| 3. Donation from Fulford Estate                           |   |                      |
| 4. Donations from I.O.D.E., Cleveland                     |   |                      |
| 5. Motion Picture of Hosp. at the Univ. May 1915          |   |                      |
| 6,7,8. At the University                                  |   |                      |
| 9. In Convocation Hall, May 8, 1915.                      |   |                      |
| 11. At Belleville   |   |                      |
| 12. Sir R. Borden and Officers                            |   |                      |
| 13.- 26. Views on Shipboard and in Harbor                 |   |                      |
| 27. Disembarkation, May 27th, 1915.                       |   |                      |
| 28.-50. Views of Shorncliffe, Groups of Officers, Huts &c |   |                      |

Box II.

- 1.-17. Continuation of English views
- 19.-22. Malta
- 23.-25. Egypt
- 26.-30. Views at Salonica
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Box III

- 1.-9. Continuation of Salonica
- 14.-24. " "
- 26.-48. Set of Colored Slides, Salonica
49. Motion Picture Film

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## Titles of Colored Slides of Salonica

26. Shipping in Harbor
27. The White Tower
28. Transportation on Monastir Rd.
29. Serbian Orphan Refugees
30. Bulgarian Village
31. Greek Peasants
32. Motor Ambulances
33. Hospital, distant view
34. " "
35. A Clinic
36. On Guard
37. Officer on Horseback
38. Capt. Lowry & Friends
39. Native helper
40. Laundry Squad
41. Capt. Yellowlees in Hole made by Bomb
42. Visitors from French Aviation Camp
43. French Artillery
44. French Field Kitchen
45. French Visitors
- 46, 47, 48. Captured German Aeroplane



March 22nd, 1916

Mrs. A. Fournier,

Sudbury.

Dear Mrs. Fournier:

I have been asked by Mrs. White to send you information regarding the University of Toronto Base Hospital, known as No. 4 Canadian General Hospital (University of Toronto) now at Salonika, Greece.

About a year ago it was organised and was sent from Toronto to Shorncliffe, from which place they expected to go to France to assist in the work there in the spring drive of 1915. The change in the plans of the War Office left them in England looking after troops in training and returned from France, and when the campaign in the Balkans was imminent they were transferred to Salonika, Greece, with the British Expeditionary Force in the Mediterranean. The enclosed extracts from letters will give you an idea of the kind of work they are doing, and especially the letter from the Right Rev. Sgr. Cavendish, who was Chaplain to the Hospital for a time.

The ordinary equipment authorised by the Government is so inadequate that a fund was organised to equip a laboratory for the hospital and send surgical and such supplies as they required directly to them. The Hospital Supply Association are still busily engaged in making supplies and forwarding them. Mrs. E.M.C. Starr is Treasurer for the Ladies' Committee, and is at 112 College Street, Toronto. Recently a shipment was made to the French Hospitals from this Association, as the French Hospitals are in extreme destitution.

We receive monthly reports from General Roberts regarding the work of the Hospital, and they are very encouraging.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.



CORONA MILLS